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In the Application of:

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APPLICATION NO.: 10/076,785 GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in Response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 28, 2003. The following is submitted before examination on the merits in order to facilitate prosecution of the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Response begin on page 6 of this paper.